

**Table 5. Reasons for not working as reported by doctoral scientists and engineers, by age: 1997**

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Reasons for not working	All ages	Age 64 and under	Age 65 and above
Total not employed (number).....	63,600	28,800	34,900
		Percent	
Retired.....	73	44	96
On layoff.....	4	7	S
Student.....	3	6	S
Family responsibilities.....	8	16	S
Ill or disabled.....	5	8	S
Suitable job not available.....	7	14	S
No need or desire to work.....	9	12	6
Other reason.....	6	10	S

**KEY:** S = Suppressed due to too few cases (fewer than 1,000 weighted cases).

**NOTES:** Numbers are rounded to nearest hundred. Percents are rounded to the whole number. Details may not add to totals because of rounding and because multiple answers are allowed. Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 1997.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, 1997 Survey of Doctorate Recipients